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New Council Hold Their First Regular Meeting

The February meeting of the town council was held during the last part of the month. Those present were Mayor W. H. Sturmer, and Councillors A. W. Gilbert, R. K. Hunter, R. W. Brown, R. S. Haskayne and M. Murray.

As this was the first meeting of the new council the secretary reported that those required to file the declaration of office had done so. The mayor then welcomed the incoming councillors, R. K. Hunter and M. Murray.

Mr. Hirtle waited on the council in connection with a proposed proposition that he had heard was taking place between the council and Mr. R. W. Blick in connection with the picture shown in Gleichen. Mr. Hirtle was of the opinion that Mr. Blick had arranged to buy out Mr. Hirtle's equipment and that the town was backing up this proposition.

He was advised that the town could do nothing at all to do with the proposition excepting the renting of the hall for that purpose and that Mr. Blick had approached the council with an offer to pay \$50 per month for the year around and a period of two years and that within six months he would install new and up-to-date equipment, and he would run on two different shows a week, and a Saturday afternoon show for children.

Mr. Hirtle was asked if he would be willing to make the town an offer. He stated he would think the matter over and advise the council at a later date what he could do.

R. W. Blick waited on the council in connection with the hall rent for a dance which the students union held not long ago. Mr. Blick stated that he had realized in the neighborhood of \$33 from the dance and proposed to use some of this money for shop appliances which the students' union were starting and wanted to know if the council would forego the rent of the hall. The matter was discussed and Mr. Blick was advised that the council would not see its way clear to grant this request as the hall at the present time was barely making expenses.

The Calgary Rural Municipal Hospital District was explained by the Mayor and the matter was decided at length. It was explained that Gleichen was surrounded by municipal hospital districts and that the thought that Gleichen should be included. It was moved by Councillor R. W. Brown and seconded by Councillor M. Murray that Gleichen join the Calgary Rural Municipal Hospital District—Carried.

The Fire Brigade had been asked to reorganize and rearrange for a practice, but no reply had been received and nothing had been done in connection with having a fire practice. It was moved by Councillor Hunter and seconded by Councillor Haskayne that a letter be sent to the president of the fire brigade and again ask for the brigade to be reorganized as soon as possible—Carried.

Several tenders had been received for the purchase of the old Jun. K. kids be returned and that the building be offered for sale by advertising in "The Call".

On motion of Councillors Haskayne and Gilbert it was decided that tenders be called for the building, with separate tender for the plumbing and pump, and that all bids that had been received be returned.

The matter of the basement of the Parkin Block was discussed. The building had been torn down and moved away by C. Fleury. He had agreed to fill the basement but had not done so. It was finally decided to contact Mr. Fleury and ask him to arrange to have the basement filled as he had agreed to do.

WHEAT PRICE OF \$1.80 PROPOSED TO GOVERNMENT

Line elevators have urged the Dominion Government to pay farmers or a bean of not less than \$1.80 per bushel on all wheat and durum wheat, 1945-1946. In a communication directed to Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie, prime minister, Cecil Lamont, president of the National Farmers' Line Elevators Association, submitted the following proposals to the govern-

ment:

1. Pay the Canadian farmer through the Canadian Wheat Board a price of not less than \$1.80 per bushel on all wheat and durum wheat sold in Western Canada and Vancouver on all wheat sold to the Canadian mill and sold for domestic consumption since August 1st, 1945.

2. Pay the Canadian farmer not less than \$1.80 per bushel on all wheat sold to the Canadian mill and sold for domestic consumption since August 1st, 1945.

3. That the government discontinue subsidizing domestic wheat consumption under which farmers are forced to accept less than the true value of wheat milled and consumed in Canada.

4. That a commission be set up to recommend to the government a means of properly compensating growers of coarse grains for all coarse grains and malting barley marketed since August 1st, 1945. Furthermore that this commission recommend the compensation which should be paid to farmers on wheat sold to the millers by the Canadian Wheat Board for milling and feeding in Canada at less than prevailing world prices. At the present time cash feeders are being subsidized at the expense of the western farmer.

5. Revision of the Income Tax Act to make it apply more fairly to farming operations.

In support of the proposals the Line Elevator Companies said:

"On behalf of our farmer patrons who comprise some sixty percent of the grain farmers of Western Canada, we desire to lay before the government our views relating particularly to wheat and coarse grains being paid to farmers under prevailing conditions.

"It is well known to all that the losses suffered by farmers due to low prices prevailing for farm commodities since the 1930's have virtually financial collapse of the agricultural industry.

"It is true that the farm industry has made partial financial recovery during the war years. However, our view is that this recovery is greatly exaggerated in the minds of many Canadians.

"During the depression years farmers were financially unable to replace worn out machinery and to make necessary repairs to buildings. Since the outbreak of war they have been unable to purchase needed machinery and to make necessary building repairs. The result is that much of the farm machinery in Western Canada is either worn out or obsolete and several hundred millions of dollars are needed to replace machinery and renovate farm buildings on a large scale.

"Another problem which faces the farmers is the uncertainty of their position on government taxation. Up until 1945 no attempt was made to collect income taxes from farmers. The farmers' cooperative business concerns indicated before the Royal Commission on co-operatives that

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town and are being eagerly scanned by the gardeners.

Mr. R. C. Bowen who was on her way from Peace River to visit friend in Gleichen was taken suddenly ill in Calgary. This occurred several weeks ago. She is now improving nicely and hopes to be in Gleichen shortly to see her friends.

S. Hampton entertained several friends Saturday evening in honor of his son Russell's birthday. Among those present from Calgary were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnston and Miss Jeanne Peak.

David Corbett, aged 79 died last Wednesday afternoon at Evansburg home where he had lived for the past two years. He was a carpenter by trade and came to Gleichen from Maple Creek, Saskatchewan to which place the remains were shipped on Thursday evening's train for burial by G. W. Evans. The funeral took place yesterday.

Nicol McIntosh who has been on the staff of the Bank of Commerce for the past several months left Saturday night for Yellowknife, to take a similar position with the bank there. He took the air route from Edmonton to the famed mining center.

Word has been received by Mrs. A. N. McLeay from New Westminster that Mr. A. Clark passed away on February 17th at the age of 75 years. Mrs. Clark will be remembered in Gleichen as Mrs. B. Ramabhart, her husband being postmaster here for many years. Much sympathy is extended to Mrs. Clark, Dennis and Ethel, now Mrs. D. Gibson of Victoria.

O. K. Crockett, Hoggan, as everybody knows him resumed his job of driving the school bus bringing children to school and returning them home in the afternoon. Some weeks ago he gave van driving wheel to the boys and girls got lessons in the boys and girls to the school yard. The new drivers soon tired of the monotonous regularity of the job. The boys and girls got lessons in the boys and girls to the school yard. The new drivers soon tired of the monotonous regularity of the job.

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Hon. W. A. Fallow, Minister of Public Works, in his debate pointed out that the road debt of this province from 1930 to 1935 was \$12,574,000 added to the public debt. While the road program from 1936 to 1940 was done without one cent of debt to the province. From 1940 to 1945, the restriction of war made advancement in road building difficult. In spite of this, more miles were built and gravelled than in any five years of the province's history. The new five year program will start as soon as construction can begin. All possible contract construction equipment and all government equipment will be utilized in this program. Road construction will not be limited by necessary money, but only by the amount of equipment available as far as this year is concerned. More details on the five year program will be announced later.

Hon. E. Ansley, Minister of Education, revealed that the school enrolment for the past year was 125,232 which is higher than the previous year. The average monthly attendance was better than in the past. Some interesting data was given regarding teachers' salaries which showed that the average salary in divisions of 1000 or more was \$5,785. For 1944, it was \$5,076, and last year, \$5,121. In the urban schools the salary was \$5,434 in the year 1939-40, \$5,200 three years later, and \$5,100 last year. The average of all schools was \$5,089, \$5,298 and \$5,405 in those three respective years.

Alberta stands third highest, as far as the median salaries are concerned for 1944. British Columbia was first and Ontario second. To date 70 towns and villages have been included in the enlarged school divisions.

The grant last year in Alberta, on a per capita basis amounted to \$2.39 while in Saskatchewan the per capita grant amounted to \$2.91. At the same time the per capita cost of education in Alberta was \$5.78, while in Saskatchewan the per capita was \$4.26. These facts are interesting in

Farm Women Have Meeting

The last U.F.W.A. meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Lijla when 17 members and four visitors attended. The meeting was opened by a song.

Minutes and correspondence were read. It was announced the U.F.W.A. Conference will be held at Brooks on June 22nd. A very interesting letter was received from the U.F.W.A. director for this constituency, who urged the members to make a yearly contribution to the Garden School. A motion was passed to subscribe \$10 to the fund yearly.

Mrs. Umbrite gave her report as delegate to the convention and it proved most interesting.

High lights were read by the members and Current Events were given by Mrs. J. Leibel. After the ceremony a paper on their fishing trip in the far north which was very much enjoyed was then served.

The next meeting of the organization will be held on March 14 at the home of Mrs. R. J. Burns.

Last Week In The Legislature

BY GEO. E. BELL

Last week in the Legislature we saw a continuation, and completion of the Debate on the Speech from the Throne.

Many Cabinet Ministers took part in the debate and gave a resume of the work done in their particular departments.

Hon. N. E. Tanner, Minister of Lands and Mines outlined the Land for Veterans Scheme. Land available for Veterans falls into one of four classes:

First, there is the Agricultural Lease, under which a Veteran may apply for a half section on a ten-year basis. For each year he receives this free and for the next seven years he pays one-eighth of the cost. At the end of ten years, title is given if the contract has been fulfilled. The Dominion Government makes available credits to the extent of \$2,320 on this type of lease.

Secondly, there is the clearing of 100,000 acres in the northwestern part of the province. A veteran applies for a half section, pays one-third of the cost for seven years, the end of which time the title is earned and will be granted at the end of three years more. The federal grant of \$2,320 is available under this scheme as well. Because the federal grant is available, the title is not given to the veteran until after ten years from the date his application is accepted. This part is a federal obligation.

There is a land settlement scheme in the irrigation areas, but only one quarter section is available to each veteran in this instance. As the type of farming in the irrigated areas is intensive farming, one quarter section is considered sufficient.

The fourth plan by which land is made available to veterans is school land which is not under any lease. It is made available for agricultural purposes. The veteran must apply by April 15th for this land. Those living in the city can have preference. If more than one application is received for the same land, then a draw is made.

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Beaver Returns

The light of reports regarding what some other provinces are doing in the way of government grants to the oil and thereby not increase the price of gasoline by two cents a gallon. It further requests that the federal tax of three cents a gallon be removed.

This resolution will be seconded by N. Cook. The action of the federal government in reducing the subsidy on imported crude is to shift the payment to the consuming public and they will in effect be called upon to pay the federal government's subsidy reduction. The Dominion subsidy on crude has applied only to imported crude and Alberta, producing wells have received no benefit from this subsidy during the war.

This resolution is receiving very strong support in government circles. A motion by N. B. James, seconded by Dave E. Roberts, a change in the Old Age Pensions Act to reduce the age from 70 to 65 immediately, and as soon as possible, to reduce it to 60 years. It asks that the amount

of pension be increased to \$50 a month (Continued on another page)

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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS OF THE TOWN AND DISTRICT

Mrs. B. Robinson who has been quite ill with the flu had her father and mother visit her for a couple of days last week.

Stan Haskayne a nephew of R. S. Haskayne the local Pioneer Meat Market man, arrived from England to take a position in the Meat Market.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thompson have returned from Vancouver where the spent several weeks visiting relatives.

Mrs. Jack Lester spent last week in Calgary visiting relatives.

Sgt. Eugene Lester is taking his discharge from the army at Red Deer. When he receives his discharge he will enter the insurance business.

The Red Cross met at the home of Mrs. A. N. McLeay and quilled three quilts. It was decided not to meet for quilting again until March 26th.

R. C. Clifford, the Pioneer Elevator man is at present confined to the Basano hospital suffering from an infected leg. About a week before Christmas a small dog gave him one vicious bite a few inches above the ankle tearing the flesh badly. Since then the injury has bothered Mr. Clifford badly. Hugh James is now looking after the elevator.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. McLeay welcomed guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Farquharson, Sunday.

Last Thursday Mr. Bill Woods visited telegraph from Mrs. Woods who is visiting relatives at North Bay, Ontario, but her father had passed away that day. The funeral would take place on Monday, March 11th.

J. E. Ostrander of Calgary spent the weekend in town visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. P. Deshayes attended the annual meeting of the Provincial Red Cross last week in Calgary. She reports it was an splendid meeting and over two hundred delegates from all over the province attended.

A. N. McLeay who has been very ill with the flu is able to be up and busy working on his garage these days.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH
Sunday, March 10th.
Morning prayer at 11 a.m.
Rev. D. A. Ford R.A., Incumbent

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Their profits should be free of income taxation and argued that the farmer should pay income taxes on profits distributed by co-operatives. It may be a coincidence that since then the Income Tax Department has been making a drive to collect income taxes for past years direct from farmers. At any rate travelling auditors of the Income Tax Department are now touring Western towns and villages and collecting income taxes from farmers both on their farming operations and on profits turned over to them by their co-operative business undertakings.

"While it is reasonable that farmers should share the income tax burden, the Income Tax Act, as it stands today, is not fairly drawn to apply to farmers. Proper provision should be made for a long time averaging of net farm income in order to take care of the hazards of farming and to provide adequate depreciation of farm machinery, buildings and so on, as well as to provide reasonable encouragement for increases in foundation herds of livestock."

"At the present time farmers are perplexed concerning their liability relating to income taxation and many of them are being forced to pay out large amounts in income taxation which will prevent their having cash available to purchase necessary renewals of equipment when available."

"Canadian wheat is being sold below its true value. Our wheat, which is superior in quality to U.S., Argentine and Australian wheats, of February 21st 1946, was being offered at \$1.50 basis in store for William (Canadian funds) compared with Chicago. May wheat at \$1.75 (Canadian funds equivalent) on the same day."

"We are not questioning the merits of such a national policy but we think that we are justified in asking why any farmer should pay for a national policy which involves selling our wheat at less than its value. It is not within our province to say at what price wheat should be sold for export but merely to accustom the cost

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should not be entirely borne by the farmer.

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"The barley, oat and flax growers are being forced to dispose of their cereals at less than their true value."

"The grower of malting barley has a particular complaint in that he is producing a premium type of barley but is forced to accept the same price as is obtainable for feed barley."

"Canada has had ample evidence that sentiment does not enter into trade. Or war effort and making armers' wheat available at less than its true worth during and following the war of 1914-19 did not assist in the out-war era that it must be placed in the out of wheat, during the depression years, when other wheat was offered at a lesser price."

"It is our conviction that if farming is to be properly rehabilitated in the out-war era that it must be placed in a sound financial basis. Farmers must participate with wage earners in other sections of Canada in obtaining their fair share of the increased values which are now available," he statement concluded.

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time, but finally passed the House without a dissenting voice. The matter of Old Age Pensions will be reconsidered at the next Dominion Provincial Conference, and if sufficient pressure can be brought on the federal government from all parts of Canada, there is some hope that a more sensible pension scheme can be enacted.

Next week it is my intention to give you the highlights of the Budget which will be introduced by the Premier.

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